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: Matthias ECKHARDT, et al.) Art Unit: 1624 Application of U.S. Appln. No. : 10/716,141) Examiner: Marck L. BERCH Confirmation No.: 7030 U.S. Filing Date : November 18, 2003 Title of Invention: XANTHINE DERIVATIVES, THE PREPARATION THEREOF AND THEIR USE AS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS Atty. Docket No. : 01-1419 VIA EES Web Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 CERTIFICATION STATEMENT, FEE AUTHORIZATION & TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Sir: Transmitted herewith concerning the subject application is an Information Disclosure Statement (Form 1449A/B) under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, as more specifically described hereinbelow. INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY CITED OR SUBMITTED U. S. Application No. ("the parent application") is relied on by the aboveidentified application for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. The patents, publications, pending U. S. applications, or other information listed in the instant information disclosure statement were previously cited by the Office in the parent application or submitted to the Office in the parent application in an information disclosure statement that complied with 37 CFR 1.98(a)-(c). 37 CFR 1.98(d) This Statement is being filed: i) within three (3) months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (d); ii) within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application; iii) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or iv) before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. \boxtimes This Statement is being filed after the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. \$1.97(b), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. \$1.113, ii) a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. \$1.311, or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. This Statement is being accompanied by: A statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) [see below]; or

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